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Municipal staff and councillors can't find records of supporting mayors' coalition on policing

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County councillors are unsure how the municipality and its lower tiers ended up on a list of local governments supporting the work of an organization called the Ontario Mayors' Coalition on Affordable, Sustainable and Accountable Policing (ASAP).

The list is contained in a 2012 newsletter, identified as the first in a series of newsletters from the group, which has been calling for changes to the OPP billing model for more than two years.

The new proposed model, which the provincial government had been planning to adopt as soon as June for implementation in 2015, attempts to reallocate policing costs on a per household basis throughout the province.

Under the model, which weights seasonal and year-round residences evenly, collective annual OPP costs in Haliburton County would rise from \$3.3 to more than \$8.5 million.

It would take the equivalent of lower-tier tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent, depending on township, to absorb the increase.

"More than 150 communities already sup-

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Chad Ingram Staff

Minden Hills employees along with members of the Minden Rotary Club negotiate a hill on St. Germaine Street as they ride the Big Bike for the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation in Minden on May 22. Minden Hills workers raised more than \$3,000 for the cause.

Township staff lead Big Bike fundraiser

The Township of Minden Hills helped make this year's Big Bike fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation a success, raising \$3,451 in pledges.

Teams in Haliburton and Minden took to the streets on the 29-seat vehicle, with enthusiastic participants pushing hard to manoeuvre the hilly landscape of both villages.

In total, the county brought in \$9,576 for the charity, which invests in heart and stroke research as well as education programming.

Coming in second for money raised was

the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group, which brought in \$1,268.

Third was CARP with \$915.

Other teams included the Haliburton Curling Club, Pinestone Resort, *The Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*, Minden Rotary Club, Pharmasave, TD Canada Trust, Diane Denne and Canadian Tire.

- Jenn Watt

A volunteer for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada walks bikers through a warmup exercise before they take to the Big Bike in Minden to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.



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No local townships ever joined coalition

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port ASAP's goals," the newsletter reads, going on to list 112 of them.

Among the listed municipalities are the County of Haliburton, as well as the townships of Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al and Highlands East.

However, none of the lower tier councils seem to have passed resolutions of support or sent correspondences indicating such.

Policing costs are a responsibility of the lower tiers.

While Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt had exchanged emails with Gerry Marshall, mayor of Penetanguishene and a member of the ASAP steering committee about the group's efforts in May and June of 2012, Algonquin Highlands never indicated support for its work.

"It was never on our agenda and AH never joined or passed a resolution," Moffatt wrote in an email to the paper.

The mayors' coalition had been looking for \$1,000 fees from members. "Since none of us [local townships] joined the [mayor's coalition] and paid the \$1,000, we weren't on the mailing list after June of 2012," Moffatt wrote. "Next we heard, there were focus groups in the spring of 2013."

Staff at Minden Hills township have been searching unsuccessfully for records of any support motion by its council and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey indicated that no such vote happened in his township.

"The mayors' report you are looking at never had a council resolution ... that I recall," Fearrey wrote in an email to the

paper.

A digital search of 2012 activity for all four lower-tier townships as well as the county by Dysart et al chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee came up with nothing referencing the mayors' coalition, "except a letter that Bancroft wrote in support of the new model calling on the coalition to provide support to them."

Along with Marshall, at the time of the newsletter's release, ASAP's steering committee consisted of Tillsonburg Mayor John Lessif, Cochrane Mayor Peter Politis, Parry Sound Mayor Jamie McGarvey and Norfolk County Mayor Dennis Travale.

Lessif resigned this spring citing personal reasons and Politis is currently campaigning as the PC candidate for the provincial riding of Timiskaming-Cochrane.

"Both of these folks had the most to do with the 'recruitment' of ASAP members," Travale wrote in an email to the *Times*.

"I will copy this to Peter Politis," McGarvey wrote. "To answer part of your question, yes, there was correspondence sent out to all municipalities looking for support. I can only surmise they either financially or verbally supported the cause."

The Times reached Lessif by phone. "I'm guessing those municipalities passed a resolution or sent a letter to us," Lessif said. He was asked if he could produce them.

"I don't have those, I'm sorry," Lessif said.

He was asked if townships that didn't express opposition to being on the list were automatically included on it. "We didn't make any assumptions," Lessif said.

According to the newsletter, the ASAP steering committee was formed in May of 2012, meeting twice with then-minister of community safety and correctional services Madeleine Meilleur in June. "Introductory discussions between ASAP, Minister Meilleur and her staff," the newsletter notes regarding a June 13 meeting.

"Further discussion on issue of unfair distribution of costs among municipalities," it reads regarding a June 20 follow-up meeting.

According to the newsletter, the committee met with now-retired OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis at an August 2012 Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Ottawa. "Commissioner Lewis agrees to collaborate and support ASAP," the newsletter reads.

Committee members met with the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards in September of 2012.

"Steering committee members serve on panel examining police costs; OAPS agrees to collaborate with ASAP," the newsletter reads.

The province started a municipal input process – one local politicians say was not transparent or thorough in the way it was conducted – in May of 2013.

Minden Hills and Dysart et al were invited to focus groups – Minden Hills reps did not attend due to last year's flood emergency – and all four lower-tier townships went to follow-up consultations.

A survey, which garnered a low completion rate, was also part of the followup process.

"At the consultation they told attendees they didn't have to

do the actual survey as long as their thoughts were captured," Moffatt wrote. "So, they say don't bother with the survey and then say, 'well you didn't fill in the survey...'"

No actual numbers were used during the input and consultation process, with the financial implications of the proposed model first becoming clear in November of 2013.

"To my knowledge there was no indication that households would be the basis of cost allocation," Fearrey wrote. "When this became common knowledge available for municipal calculations and impact, concerns and alarm bells went off."

Under the model, which weights seasonal and year-round residences evenly and does not include commercial and industrial properties, households would pay an estimated average cost of \$369 a year. This would be weighted 73 per cent (or about \$260) for fixed, base costs and 27 per cent for per call service, a figure that would vary based on the number of calls in an area.

Households in Haliburton County currently pay between \$76 and \$187 a year for policing, depending on the township, while some communities in the province pay as much as \$1,000 per household.

Of the 324 municipalities serviced by the OPP, 190 would see their costs increase under the proposed model.

AMO put together a steering committee on OPP costs that included representatives from both municipalities that would benefit and those that would lose under the proposed formula.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid served as the county's representative on that committee, which met throughout early 2014, releasing a report in April.

Reid said it was difficult for her and other politicians from losing municipalities to make their voices heard and that not all members, herself included, supported the outcome of the report.

That report supported the proposed model, or a variation that would include an element of weighted assessment.

The latter would actually increase the county's bill by a few thousand dollars more than the original proposal.

"We've never taken a position of support on this model," Lessif told the *Times*, but added the changes bring more fairness to the model. "I cannot comment on the AMO report because I was not part of that."

Under the proposed formula, Tillsonburg and the other four municipalities represented by the ASAP steering committee would see significant reductions in their OPP bills.

According to calculations from the county treasurer, Tillsonburg would realize more than \$400,000 in savings, with its annual policing cost dropping from more than \$3 million to approximately \$2.6 million.

Residents there have been paying approximately \$510 per household, Lessif said.

Penetanguishene would save about \$430,000, dropping from more than \$1.8 million to less than \$1.4 million.

Cochrane would save nearly \$730,000, bringing its costs from more than \$1.6 million to less than \$1 million.

Parry Sound would shed about \$1 million from its policing bill, which would fall from about \$2.1 million to about \$1.1 million and Norfolk County would save more than \$2.7 million, dropping its costs from more than \$13 million to approximately \$10.4 million.

It turns out that like the townships of Haliburton County, dozens of municipalities listed as supporters in the 2012 newsletter would be negatively impacted by the proposed model; 62 of them, according to Reid's count.

"Do you honestly think they would have supported this motion if they knew it would cost them so much money?" Reid wrote in an email to the paper. "We believe the AMO saw this extensive list of municipalities and just assumed the initiative had broad-based support. We're not sure who appointed/endorsed the mayors' coalition as the spokespeople on this issue. We have no information on what was presented to Minister Meilleur back in June 2012 or in the followup meeting. There was no invitation to attend the meeting between the mayors' coalition (who appointed themselves as a steering committee) and OPP Commissioner Lewis even though we were all at the AMO conference in Ottawa in August 2012."

Meilleur was moved from the community safety and correctional services portfolio in a March cabinet shuffle and county politicians had requested a meeting with new minister, Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi.

The county had not heard back from Naqvi before the legislature was dissolved on May 2, but he spoke to Reid, Fearrey and Moffatt during a teleconference last week, promising that if the Liberals were again elected to form government, he would have a face-to-face meeting with them before a new model was adopted.

Because it is a regulatory change, the new model does not have to pass through MPPs on the floor of Queen's Park, but is rather enacted by the ministry.

Marshall and Politis did not respond to emails and phone messages.


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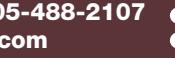
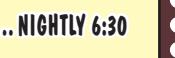
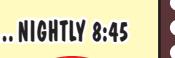
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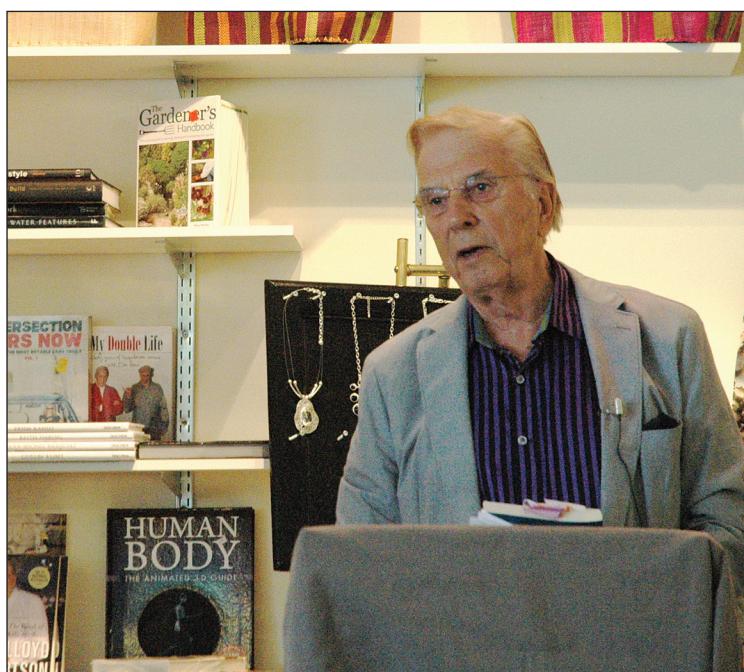
Renowned news anchor discusses new book at Harmony Farm

Lloyd Robertson, author, journalist, newscaster and more, was at Harmony Farm just south of Kinmount on Saturday, May 24. Robertson read some passages from *The Kind of Life it's Been*, answered questions and sold and signed copies of his book.

Robertson cottages near Haliburton and can sometimes be seen walking around Head Lake or around Haliburton's downtown.

He was invited by Harmony Farm to give the talk. The restaurant has brought several big name speakers in over the years including Don Harron and Alan Fotheringham.

Photos by Zach Cox Staff



Catch up clinics being offered for vaccinations

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Each of the three diseases to be added to the list of immunizations that Ontario students require in order to attend school require individual vaccinations.

As of July, students will require proof of immunization against meningococcal disease, whooping cough and chickenpox, as changes made under Regulation 645 of the Immunization of School Pupils Act come into effect.

"It is important to note that students who are up to date with their immunizations according to the publicly funded immunization schedule for Ontario, 2011, and their immunization record is on file with the health unit, will not likely require additional immunization until they are due for the next dose, according to the schedule," Linda McCarey, director of communicable disease control for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, wrote in an email.

The health unit is encouraging families to check their immunization records by contacting their physician or the health unit and to have records handy when they make the call.

"Meningococcal conjugate vaccine is provided in infancy and again to students in Grade 7, but has been optional in the past," McCarey wrote. "Now that the vaccine is required to attend school, students in grades 8 to 12 who did not previously get this vaccine will need to be immunized."

The health unit will be offering "catch up" clinics this summer for students who require vaccinations.

"Whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine is included in the infant vaccine given to children at two, four and six months, and again at 18 months followed by a booster at four to six years," McCarey wrote. "An additional dose of pertussis containing vaccine is required in adolescents, usually between 14 and 16 years. So, most children will have been immunized prior to the start of and during school years. If a child is missing any doses, or if they are unsure, parents should contact their health care provider."

The vaccine for chickenpox will be required for all children born in 2010 or later.

"Younger children may have received two doses of chickenpox vaccine recommended at 18 months, and age four to six years," McCarey wrote. "If a child is missing one or both doses, parents should contact their health care provider."

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Decision on OPP billing 'not imminent': minister

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Yasir Naqvi, the Ottawa-Centre MPP and minister of community safety and correctional services under the Kathleen Wynne government, has told Haliburton County officials that a decision on a new billing model for the OPP is not imminent.

Naqvi spoke to three of the county's reeves, as well as politicians from the municipality of North Kawartha, during a conference call May 21.

"He basically confirmed that it was not a slam dunk," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey told the paper.

The proposed billing formula, which seeks to redistribute OPP costs on a per household basis, would see policing costs in the county spike from \$3.3 to more than \$8.5 million next year.

The county's politicians have been lobbying against the change for months and had requested a meeting with Naqvi, but had not heard back from his office.

Fearrey said this was broached during Wednesday's conversation.

"He did confirm that he would meet with us at a later date," Fearrey said. "We just moved the yard stick."

A press release on the call was issued by Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal candidate Rick Johnson, who arranged Tuesday's teleconference.

"During the call, MPP Naqvi made it clear that Haliburton County and North Kawartha will each have their concerns presented to the ministry by way of a formal face to face meeting before any new billing model is imposed," the release reads. "He also made it clear that no final decision was imminent and that while AMO has submitted a report, it was one of many stakeholders being consulted on this issue and that he was committed to finding a model that is fair, transparent and equitable."

A 43-page report released by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in April supported the model being advocated by the government, or a variation on such, using a combination weighted assessment/per household metric.

The latter would have made the financial impact for the county worse than the original proposed model by a few thousand dollars.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was on the steering committee upon whose meetings the report was based and did not support the report.

Reid said it was difficult for her and other politicians from municipalities that would be negatively impacted by the formula to make their voices heard during the committee meetings that took place early this year.

"We feel there's been some misrepresentation there," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said of the AMO report.

Moffatt was grateful for the opportunity of Tuesday's call, saying Naqvi was attentive, but noted the province is in election mode.

"It could be seen as an election promise," she said.

Moffatt stressed it was important for residents to continue to press the issue, putting questions to provincial candidates, both in the county and, for seasonal residents, in their home constituencies.

To absorb the changes in the proposed model would equate to lower tier tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent throughout the county.

"We had a good conversation for 45 minutes with Yasir Naqvi," Reid wrote in an email to the paper. "We expressed our concerns about the genesis of the model. Five mayors put forward the proposition that allocating costs on households was the best approach. These five mayors all stood to gain from this model."

Reid was referring to the Mayor's Coalition for Affordable, Sustainable and Accountable Policing (ASAP),



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— County Councillor Murray Fearrey

headed by the mayors of Tillsonburg, Cochrane, Penetanguishene, Norfolk County and Parry Sound.

Under the proposed model, seasonal residences are weighted evenly with year-round ones, and county politicians and staff have suggested permanent population, perhaps with some weighting to account for seasonal residents, would be a fairer metric.

"We also told him we found it difficult to understand how, if the auditor general's report says that 85 per cent of OPP costs are salaries/benefits, why we can't just work on allocating the remaining 15 per cent."

The auditor general released a report in 2012 calling for a new, more transparent billing model and making a number of recommendations, many of which are not included in the proposed model.

Eliminating 12-hour shifts, for example, would help reduce overtime costs.

"It's pretty easy to look at your detachment headcount and calculate salaries/benefits," Reid wrote. "If you're paying for the people you've got at your detachment, you are paying the full cost of 85 per cent of the cost structure. Why throw out the whole system when we only need to find a way to properly allocate 15 per cent?"

Reid noted that Naqvi agreed if the Liberals formed the next government, he would have a face-to-face meeting with officials.

"He sounds like a very genuine man and I think his word is good," she wrote. "Whether he gets the support from his caucus is another matter and that will only matter depending on the outcome of the election."

Prior to the dissolution of the legislature May 2, it had been anticipated the new model, to be enacted in 2015, would be adopted as soon as June.

Because it is a regulatory change, the model does not pass through the floor of Queen's Park for approval, but is rather enacted by the ministry.

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Avid cyclist gets tours rolling in Highlands

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

There's a love for cycling and the Highlands that is apparent when speaking to Eric Edwards of Maple Lake.

An avid cyclist for the past 10 years, Edwards is interested in providing a gateway to the sport and area he loves through Bare Bones Cycling Tours.

"I've only been cycling for 10 years, started in 2004, but know we have got one of the best areas in Ontario for cycling," he said.

The Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition and the Haliburton County Tourism and the Tour endorse this sentiment. The Tour for Kids charity ride, he said, used the Highlands as part of its first charity tour and the (now cancelled) Minden 150 was a perennial draw.

From one-day centuries (approximately 160 kilometres) to five-day affairs, his all-inclusive tours are not for the racer, but for the rider that loves endurance.

"I'm not a racer, but I'm an endurance cyclist who likes to do long distance and that's what I find more and more people are starting to get into. Cycling is becoming the new golf where people are looking at fit-

ness, nutrition and endurance," he said.

Edwards wants to help cyclists who are ready to improve and want to become a century rider, and still want to enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the area such as local restaurant Rhubarb and Boshkung Brewing Co. Inc.

During his pilot multi-day tour last year to Quebec, he invited several cyclists, representing a diverse mix of abilities from the novice to the expert.

He points out every tour has a "full support system" to accommodate everyone. For those who don't or cannot complete the total distance of some tours, they are welcome to get a ride on the support van. The support includes on-the-road snacks, mechanical help, group rider, a support vehicle and trailer for bikes.

The origins of the company's name, he said, comes from the similarity between people and bikes.

"The body, bare bones, is the frame and a bike has the same thing. It has a frame. Each individual is the same. We all have frames. It's how we build our muscles around the frames or with the components that we add or maintain that give us what we need to work with," he said.

Edwards said the company's mascot Bare Bones, who is a masked cyclist, will be mak-

ing appearances in person and be active on social media. This is part of Edward's plan to raise the profile for his touring company.

Although his website (www.barebonescyclingtours.ca) only includes a few rides in the area, he is interested in adding more in the future and welcomes customers' requests.

"If people in the area want to go out ... we can offer it two ways: with support or without support. Whether they want a tour guide to show them the county or things like that we're available to do that provided we don't have other bookings," he said.

Ideally, he'd love to draw couples to be part of his tours and is aiming to keep groups between six to eight for safety and best service.

Edwards has been thinking about starting his tour company for three years now.

In that time he established a connection with Le Belvedere in Wakefield, Que. Overlooking the Gatineau Hills, Le Belvedere is part of the five-day trip offering (Haliburton to Eganville, Eganville to Wakefield, Wakefield to Calabogie and back to Haliburton). It was also last year's pilot tour.

In his varied experience with Tour for Kids, which includes being a Sears National rider in 2008 to crew captain, event organizer and volunteer, he is fully aware and prepared for the ever-changing nature of weather and the needs of cyclists.

"You've always got to expect the unexpected. Things happen," he said.



Darren Lum Staff

Maple Lake resident and cycling enthusiast Eric Edwards is offering cyclists interested in endurance cycling an opportunity to see the area through his company Bare Bones Cycling Tours. Edwards, who provides supported two- and multi-day tours, has ridden more than 75,000 kilometres over 10 years. He's been heavily involved with Tour for Kids the past four years whether it was riding, crew captain or in support of the charitable ride.

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IT'S A MYSTERY.

It's recently come to light that Haliburton County, along with its four lower-tier townships, appear on a 2012 list of municipalities supporting the goals of ASAP.

ASAP is an acronym for the Mayors' Coalition for Affordable, Sustainable and Accountable Policing, an advocacy group formed a few years back by the leaders of five Ontario municipalities who felt their communities were paying unfairly high rates for OPP services.

The organization has been pushing hard for changes to the OPP billing model and, under the new model being proposed by the province, the one that would increase annual policing costs in Haliburton County by more than \$5 million, those five townships would see large decreases in their OPP bills.

In a 2012 newsletter from ASAP, there is a list of 112 municipalities.

The top of that page reads: "More than 150 communities already support ASAP's goals, including."

Among the listed municipalities are Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and the County of Haliburton.

It might be noted that the upper-tier county government doesn't deal with policing costs. The lower tiers do.

The problem with the names of our local municipalities showing up on this list is that officials aren't sure how they got there.

"I'm guessing those municipalities passed a resolution or sent a letter to us," one of the founding members of ASAP told me on the

phone last week.

And this is where things get a little awkward.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey: "The mayors' report you are looking at never had a council resolution . . . that I recall."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt: "It never went on our agenda and AH never joined or passed a resolution."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid: "We're still looking for that motion."

Dysart et al chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee searched the 2012 digital records of all four lower-tier governments as well as the county and found nothing referencing the mayors' coalition, "except for a letter that Bancroft wrote in support of the new model calling on the coalition to support them."

I asked the founding ASAP member if he could produce resolutions or correspondence from the townships.

"I don't have those, I'm sorry," was his response.

In November of 2013 the cost implications of the proposed model became clear for the first time and it turns out that dozens of townships that appeared on the 2012 list would actually be financial losers under the new formula.

Not only is the proposed billing model flawed for numerous reasons – under it, the county would be paying for its own 29 OPP officers as well as 25 in other communities – but the whole process surrounding its origins seems a bit murky.

It's another reason why it's imperative that the whole thing go back to the drawing board.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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letters to the editor

Questioning police resources

To the Editor,

Why are the police pouring so many resources into the Sugar Island crimes? They're canvassing by boat, conducting DNA testing, and working the media. Three years ago when there were a string of break-ins one day in the Gelert-Minden area (one of which included clubbing a dog to death), the police seemed apathetic in comparison.

My family home was burgled and after the initial visit from the OPP, we couldn't even get our phone calls returned. There were visible fingerprints all over my electric piano, which the thieves tried to drag out of the house, yet the police didn't bother dusting for prints, even

when asked.

So why is there so much attention given to Sugar Island? Is it because they're cottagers? Is it because they own lakefront properties? Or is the property and peace of mind of permanent Gelert residents less valuable?

Considering the nonchalant treatment and low quality of service my family received from the OPP, I think we're already paying too much in taxes for the police. I can't imagine justifying the tax increase in the recently proposed OPP billing model.

Tyson Farrell,
Gelert

PC policy would hurt students

To the Editor,

Tim Hudak and Laurie Scott's plan to cut educational assistants for students with special needs and to increase class sizes will hurt children and families. Many junior and senior kindergarten classes already have 30 students. Imagine the difficulty these little ones have learning to socialize and learn in this busy

and crowded environment. As for our support for families and students with special needs, we need more support in classes, not less. How can a responsible government target the students with the most needs? Every student deserves a chance to work to his or her potential and be successful and happy.

Joan Duhaime

Thanks to Hydro One

To the Editor,

On May 15 I returned from Minden to find my power was intermittent and I had no water. Earlier that day a contractor from Bell telephone was at my home burying a new phone line that had broken during the winter.

I contacted Hydro One who sent out two men to check out my part power at 8:30 p.m.

They quickly checked out hydro's equipment and determined everything was normal. Since the new phone line was plowed into the ground, the hydro men checked around the house and discovered that the power line to my pump had been cut off by the contractor.

Without delay they made temporary repairs to my pump wire and I then had water and no flashing lights.

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points of view

For art's sake

THIS WEEK a Norwegian artist made the news after he ate his own hip. Apparently, he was born and lived with a hip deformity until a recent operation corrected it. He filmed the procedure as well as the discarded bone and flesh for his graduation show at the Tromso Academy of Art. Then, he claims, he ate some of the discarded flesh at home.

He said it tasted like wild sheep. If he was anyone but an artist, he would be undergoing psychiatric evaluation right now. Instead, he is being touted as – pardon the pun – on the cutting edge. The value of his work is probably on the rise too.

This – and talent – are the two primary things that have prevented me from becoming an artist.

If you think about it, some very famous artists are known for the injury they do to themselves. There is the celebrated incident when Van Gogh is said to have cut off his own ear. The phrase tortured artist got coined for a reason, after all.

My best friend is an artist, so I thought I'd interview him for this column, if only to gain some valuable insight into the inner workings of an artist's mind.

Here then is an except.

Me: Hey Tom, have you ever injured yourself for the sake of art?

Tom: Steve? Do you know what time it is?

Me: I wasn't tired and I needed this interview to complete my column.

Tom: For God's sake. It's 3 a.m.!

Me: Is that a no then? You've never injured yourself for your art once?

Tom: It's 3 a.m.!

Me: Look, I'm doing a column on how artists achieve great fame by dramatic acts of self-injury...

Tom: Great fame, you say?

Me: Yup, Van Gogh famous. So, any self-inflicted injuries to report?

Tom: I once accidentally clipped a toe nail too short.

Me: You don't really want fame and fortune do you?

Tom: But...

Me: Look Tom, when opportunity comes knocking at 3 a.m. some artists would answer happily...

Tom: Does pulling out my hair count?

Me: Not unless you did it with pliers and used it to create a sculpture.

Tom: It's 3 a.m. I don't know what you want me to say. Do you want

to hear I intentionally severed my foot yesterday using a weed whacker merely for the sake of art? Is that it? Is that it?! (Now screaming in that temperamental artist's way.)

Me: Show a little consideration would you? You'll wake Linda and the kids. It's 3 a.m. for goodness sake.

I won't go into the rest of the conversation. Suffice it to say that it turns out my buddy, though he has been a professional artist his whole adult life,

isn't all that serious about fame.

You don't know how much this disappoints me – and not just because I own one of his originals.

I said as much to Jenn at breakfast.

"Tom is not committed enough to his art. How is he ever going to get famous?" I asked.

Jenn reminded me of all the good times Tom and I fished and hunted together.

Suddenly, it struck me. That guy injures himself on almost every outing. Just off the top of my head, I remembered the time he took a hawthorn deep in the knee while we were grouse hunting. Then there was that incident he did the splits between my boat and the dock. And who could forget all those wonderful emergency visits for a variety of outdoors-related reasons?

So sometime tonight, I'll call and ask if he'd like to go wading for muskies.

If he says yes, I'll hang the oil painting he gave me in a more prominent place...



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Great news for Kinmount

SURELY THE MERCHANTS of Kinmount should be measuring Jason Phillips for angel's wings. Phillips' decision to open a gas bar just north of the liquor store on County Road 121 must make good business sense to him. For Tom Lang, it feels like salvation.

Lang, who owns Kinmount Independent Grocer, isn't sure how much longer his store could survive without a gas station in town. His business was down 25 to 30 per cent this winter.

Everybody's hurting, he says. Twenty local businesses signed what amounted to a petition he took to a meeting the week before last that lifted the last serious barrier to the new gas bar.

Lang took his signatures to the City of Kawartha Lakes committee of adjustment, which approved a minor variance that would allow Phillips to replace a shack now sitting on the site with a kiosk about twice its size.

The shack is all that remains of a gas station that stood on the lot until the building burned down in the 1990s. Phillips bought the property in 2000.

His company, Phillips Petroleum Marketing Inc., of Port Perry, Ont., still needs a site plan agreement with the city, but that shouldn't be a major obstacle.

Another of Phillips' companies, Phillips Petroleum Maintenance Inc., will have shovels in the ground just as soon as he gets final approval from the city. City Councillor Dave Hodgson, who represents Kinmount, expects work to begin as early as July.

Phillips says there should be no environmental obstacles. Double-walled storage tanks will replace the existing

tanks, which he had cleaned up when he bought the property.

Presumably, the installation of new tanks and pumps will be a little more affordable for Phillips, because that's his main business. In effect, he'll get his installation wholesale.

The station will have four double-sided pumps, room for eight cars to fill up at once. Phillips says he plans to lease the station to one of the gas-retailing chains, not operate it himself.

Kinmount, which once had as many as four service stations, lost the last of them in 2012 when Lucky Taylor decided to retire rather than spend a half-million dollars to install the double-walled storage tanks required by the province.

Phillips had an understanding with Taylor that he would not compete with him so long as he remained in business.

The coming of a gas station may seem like trivial news, even for a country weekly like this one, but it's of enormous importance to Kinmount.

A country village without a gas station is on a slippery slope. One day you have a business district and the next you wake up to find your town as emptied out as Tory Hill.

Cause and effect: No matter how good a manager Lang is, he doesn't have the market to support a store that could match the larger supermarkets in Minden and Fenelon Falls. The bigger the store, the more choices it can offer.

So long as there was Lucky's gas station, the advantage Lang's store always had was that it was handy for folks in



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

Kinmount. But once they had to go up the road for a fill-up, shopping there became just as handy.

In that way, the prosperity of grocers and gas bars are intertwined, but other Kinmount retailers saw business drifting down the road as well.

There have been other complications. Lumber yards, for example, had to arrange their days around the need to get their trucks to an out-of-town gas pump, whether they had a delivery nearby that day or not.

Phillips' gas bar will go where the late Clark Simpson once had a service station, moved there from its original location on the corner of Monck Road, opposite the Kinmount Community Centre.

Once upon a time, service stations were barely a hop, skip and a jump apart in rural Ontario. Half a century ago, gas pumps were attached to auto-repair shops, to garages.

When new-car dealers with their warranties took over the repair business, service stations evolved into gas bars that sold snack food on the side, which is the real money-maker.

Selling gasoline became a precarious business for independents like Lucky Taylor. Across the country, the number of retailers shrank by more than 40 per cent between 1987 and 2013. Little towns are left with one station, or none at all.

Oddly, what is now Lang's store almost wound up on the site of the new gas bar. Betty Scott, whose family founded the store, once owned the

land.

By then, the gas station itself belonged to Merv Preston, who took it over from Simpson. When it burned down, Preston decided not to rebuild. Scott considered moving the grocery there, but the era's flood-plain regulations stopped her.

(In case you aren't familiar with Kinmount genealogy, Betty is the widow of longtime MP Bill Scott, and mother of current MPP Laurie Scott.)

Phillips, whose main business is building and maintaining gas stations, bought the site from Scott. It was Diane Austin of the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development who urged Hodgson to give Phillips a nudge.

Motorists will share Kinmount's good fortune. Right now, there is nary a gas pump on the 35 miles between Fenelon Falls and Minden, or the 85 miles between Orillia and Cardiff. That's a long way to be running on Empty.

On the Orillia-Cardiff run, there are pumps just up the road on Highway 35 in Norland, but a traveller might not know that. Nor, for that matter, will she be able to see Phillips' new gas bar from the Monck Road intersection.

So The Brown Dog Jiggs, who is doing very well, thank you, concludes with this suggestion. With gas pumps so few and far between, shouldn't the city put up signs at key intersections pointing to them?

No brand names on the signs, just Gas. Another good idea from Jiggs, grown wise with his years.

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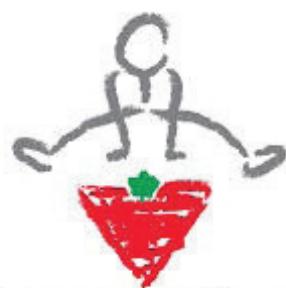
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Final Cash for Care winners announced

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board member and Making Moments Matter campaign co-chair Lisa Tompkins, left, and HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler wind the drum filled with Cash for Care Lottery tickets before pulling out the winning ballot on May 23, as lottery chairman and HHHSF board member Steve McLean waits in anticipation. The final draws for the Cash for Care fundraiser awarded four winners with \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000 and \$15,000. The winner of the \$1,000 went to Ruth Bergshoeff of Hamilton the \$2,000 winner was Ron Hegarty of Haliburton, the \$5,000 winner was Arthur Sutton of Minden and the \$15,000 winning ticket belonged to Ron Gambell of Minden. Angelica Blenich Staff

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Great service from Hydro One

from page 6

This letter is acknowledging these two hydro men for going above and beyond their duties. Their kindness has allowed me to have water temporarily until I get repaired properly. Bell has not yet returned my call concerning my complaint about the cut wires caused by their contractor. It has now been two full weeks and I have since had this repair done by a plumber and still no one has contacted me from Bell.

I will be submitting the bill from the plumber to Bell Canada with a letter of complaint to the president.

A huge thank you to Bruce Denniston and Brian Hill from Hydro One Minden area for helping me. Hydro One's service is excellent. Great service 24 hours a day!

Patricia Scott
Minden

OPP investigating suspicious vehicle

► Man in his 40s offered ride to two youth

The Ontario Provincial Police is currently requesting assistance with the identification of a suspicious vehicle.

On May 21 at approximately 3:10 p.m. a vehicle being operated by an unknown man approached two youths as they were walking from Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. The man offered the youths a ride. The youths, who did not recognize the man, ran from the location and contacted the police.

The man is described as white, in his 40s with dark hair and a goatee. At the time of the incident he was wearing a grey shirt. The vehicle is described as a newer model, dark green, four door car.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police at 705-286-1431.

The OPP reminds all members of the public to be aware of their personal safety and that of children at all times. Children should not be left

Haliburton Highlands OPP locate missing man

On May 25, 2014 at about 9:30 p.m. Haliburton Highland Ontario Provincial Police was made aware that a man had gone missing from his residence near the Harcourt area since about 12:30pm.

Terry Cope has been located in the Hamilton area and is said to be in good health. The Haliburton Highlands OPP would like to thank the public for their assistance in helping to locate Mr. Cope.

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Palliative suite fundraising campaign kicks off

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

There is an urgent need for more palliative care space in the Haliburton Highlands.

What began as a lighthearted joke became a serious topic by the end of the launch for the Making Moments Matter campaign, in support of a new Palliative Care Centre, on May

23 at the Haliburton hospital. The campaign is an initiative of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, with the goal of raising approximately \$900,000 for the centre.

Co-chair of the campaign and HHHSF board member Don Popple joked about his personal interest in expanding the palliative care units in Haliburton County.

"I stand before you as someone over 70 years of age, so it's pretty important we address this need immediately," said Popple. HHHS CEO and president Varouj Eskedjian told

those at the launch that palliative care was all about helping people manage end-of-life closure, bereavement and the dying process.

At this juncture, Haliburton County has a population of about 17,000, with 50 per cent over the age of 50, 28 per cent over 65 and 12 per cent 75 or older, said Eskedjian.

By 2025 those numbers will only increase, with 36 per cent of the population older than 65 and 16 per cent 75 or older, said the CEO. Twenty years from now the trend further increases.

"These numbers demonstrate the need to expand these services," said Eskedjian.

In solidarity with Popple, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey also expressed his concern for the urgency of this project, as someone who is older than 70.

"Out on the street I hear the concerns for the need for palliative care," said the reeve.

An advocate for health care, with past experiences at the helm of large fundraising campaigns, Popple believes the residents of Haliburton County don't hesitate to support projects they believe in.

"In my experience Haliburton County is not poor when it comes to something people want," he said. "We don't intend to fail." With one palliative care bed in the county now, plans for the new centre include two bedroom suites, a family room and additional space. The campaign goal is to raise \$900,000, with more than \$400,000 already "in the till," said Popple.

The project won't be getting provincial dollars, instead relying on donations, he said.

"We're asking for you to help us turn this dream into a reality and make us your charity of choice," said Popple.

Funds from the HHHSF Cash for Care Lottery, which wrapped up with four final draws during the launch, will go towards the palliative campaign. The new centre will include a donor wall, where benefactors who give \$1,000 or more will be recognized. Bank of Montreal representative Wendy Cook announced a \$25,000 donation from the corporation at the launch. The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary will be funding the garden at the new centre.

Making Moments Matter was selected as the name for the campaign as it reflects the feelings of those using palliative care. Lifetime Haliburton cottager Kimberley Wilkinson described her love for the Highlands and attachment to the local hospitals, which was strengthened after both her parents received palliative care in the county.

Wilkinson was donating to the cause on behalf of her parents and encouraging all cottagers to do the same.

When Mary Lou Waggett Macklin's husband was in his final stages of life there were no palliative care units in the county, only an uncomfortable upright chair in his hospital room, she said. Waggett Macklin would leave her husband's side to get some rest and even resorted to sneaking their family cat into the hospital for a final farewell.

When Waggett Macklin read in the *Haliburton County Echo* about the first palliative care suite coming to HHHS she was beyond pleased and jumped on board with support, as the cause was "near and dear to my heart."

"Since Haliburton County is such a caring community I know it won't take long to reach the fundraising goal," she said. HHHSF board member David Zilstra encouraged all businesses to support the campaign in any way they could, either through cash or in-kind donations.

"If we all pitch in and do our part, our community will continue to thrive and grow with our needs," he said.

HHHS board chairman Len Logozar thanked the foundation and everyone in attendance for their efforts and community support over the years.

Construction on the palliative centre is scheduled to begin by the end of this summer, with the campaign wrapped up by next year. Earlier this year, the *Haliburton Echo* reported that HHHS had received formal permission from the health ministry to proceed with capital planning on the project.



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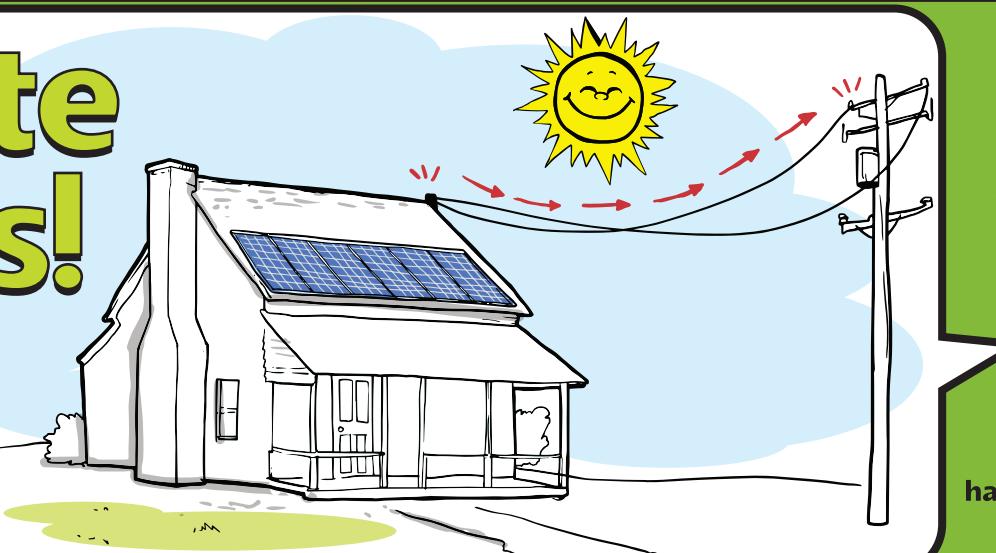
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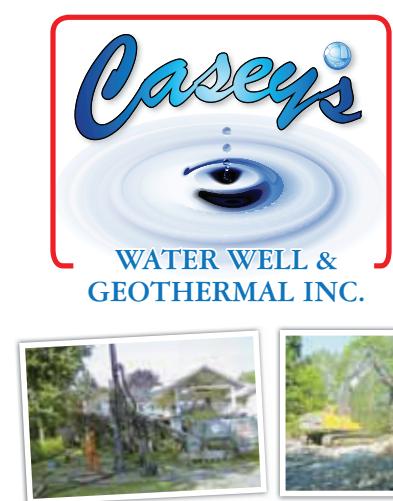
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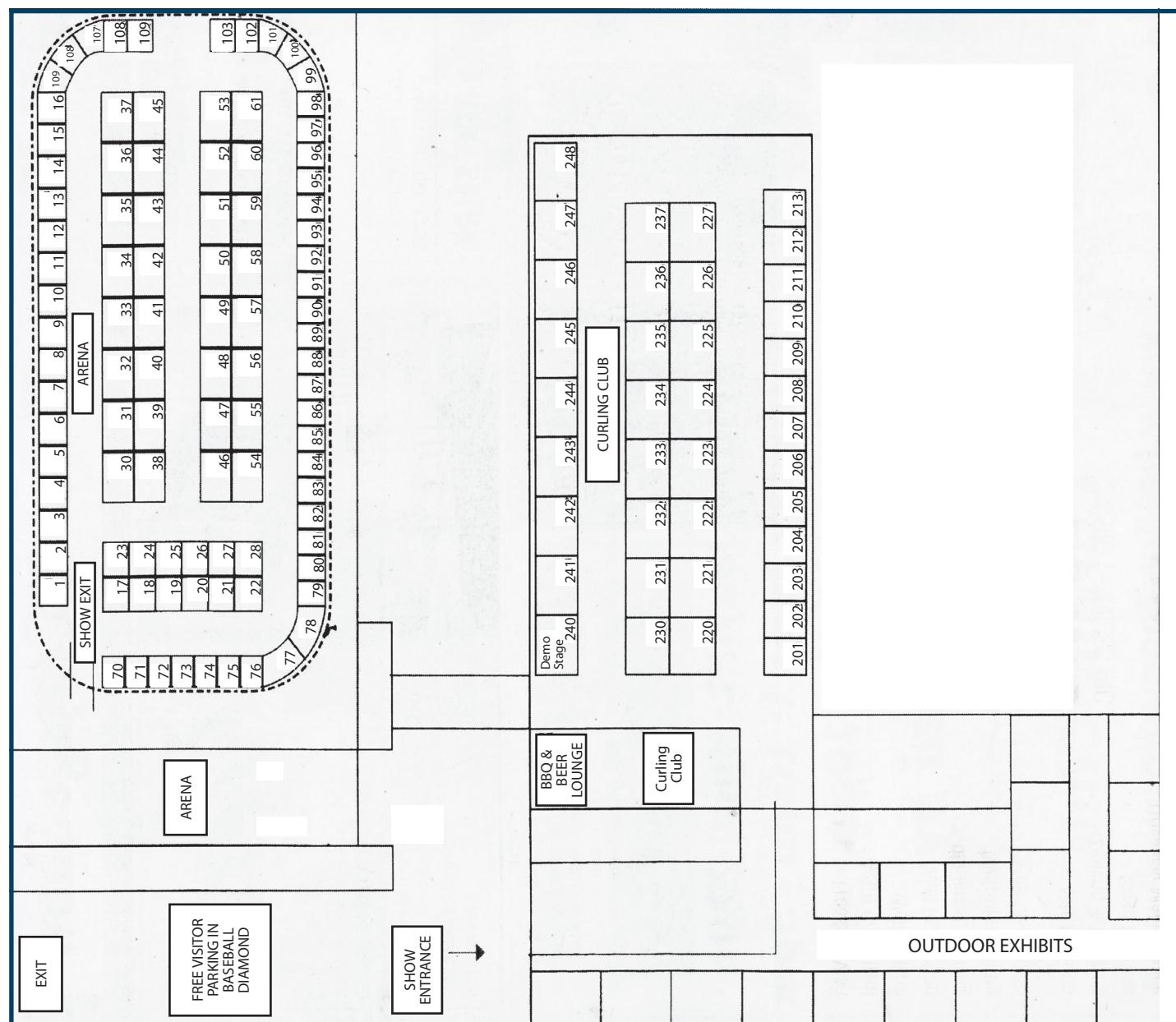
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On the Spot on the go

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

On the Spot Variety is on the go in downtown Minden. The new convenience store is housed in the storefront where the Minden Food Mart was formerly located, along the village's main street.

"Where needed, when needed," says Tina Whitty, explaining what she found when she looked up the definition of "on the spot." "I figured that's exactly what we're going for."

The variety store will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., "every day of the year, except Christmas," says Tina's mother, Barbara.

The family once lived in West Guilford, where they operated Lake Haven Restaurant and Variety from 1986 to 1995. They have been living and working in Minden since.

The variety store offers fare from newspapers and snack foods to basic grocery and hardware items to coffee, tea and cappuccino.

Lottery tickets will be in any time.

"The suppliers have been great," Barbara said. "We'd really like to thank Kawartha Dairy."

The dairy had lent the mother-daughter team a two-door cooler until theirs arrives.

Barbara also wanted to thank County Sign, who put up the business's new sign, even in the pouring rain.

"It was coming down in buckets," said Barbara.

She also thanked Riverview Furniture, Hyland Ice and the building's owner for all their help in getting things rolling.

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Darren Lum
Staff

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Later, Tom's father Dunc and his uncle Morgan started together with businesses that continued until 1968, the year Tom decided to start what is now Tom Prentice and Sons.

Now 46 years later, that name is well known name in Haliburton County. And, it suggests, the tradition continues forward with his four sons, Jack, Tom, Tony and Terry each overseeing parts of the business.

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Introducing the Minden Church Mouse



The **Minden Church Mouse** heard ... this joke that speaks to the role each of us play in the work of God in our community ...

There was a preacher who fell into the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me". A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No, God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned and went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

We all have a role to play in making our community the best it can be if only we recognize the gifts that we have to offer. We all look forward to seeing you in and around the community or at Sunday service.

The **Minden Church Mouse** also heard Rev. Max say that ...

Many of our welcome seasonal residents are back in the area! So great that you are back after a very long winter. I hope that you were not surprised by too much damage after a season of heavy snow. Who wants to talk of snow now that it is May?

In the church, we are currently celebrating the season of Easter. In western Christianity, Eastertide, the Easter season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the fiftieth day, Pentecost Sunday. You may have wondered why Easter seems to always be on a different Sunday every year. It is because Easter is a moveable feast, meaning it is not fixed in relation to the civil calendar. The first Council of Nicaea in the year 325 established the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon following the March equinox. The date of Easter therefore varies from March 22 to April 25 inclusive.

Pentecost Sunday is a feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other

followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described by some Christians today as the "Birthday of the Church". This year, Pentecost Sunday is June 8. For the United Church, it is also the nearest Sunday to the "Birthday" of the United Church of Canada, June 10, 1925.

Many churches also celebrate the Eucharist or Communion or the Lord's Supper on the day of Pentecost. At The United Church we will be having Communion on June 8 at Zion United Church at 9 a.m., Maple Lake United Church at 10 a.m. and Minden United Church at 11 a.m. All are welcome to share together as an extended church family and remember the Lord's Supper and what it means for us today. If you have never been to a Communion service before, here is what you might expect. It is part of the regular church service of hymns, prayers, scripture readings and a sermon/message. After the message, about 40 minutes into the service, we briefly retell the story of the Last Supper Jesus ate with his friends before Easter. Then we all share a small piece of bread and small sip of grape juice from a tiny glass symbolically participating in that Last Supper. It can be a very thoughtful and meaningful time for those gathered. It usually takes about 10 minutes. Following Communion, we continue with a couple more hymns and prayers before concluding the service after a total of 60 minutes or so. Again, all are welcome on Sunday morning or come to an upcoming event. Sincerely, Rev. Max Ward

Some upcoming Church Community events include:

- * Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m. - "Enviro-Café" - Maude Barlow's "Blue Future" Water Protection (Minden United)

- * Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m. - "Kids' Club/Messy Church" - Come share a meal, crafts & stories (St. Paul's)

- * Thursday, June 12, 12 p.m. - "Diner's Club" Community Care lunch for all seniors (Minden United)

- * Friday, June 13, 5 p.m. - "Bread For Life Diner" (Community Church)

- * Saturday, June 14, 1 p.m. - "Super Saturday" - Come enjoy a movie and treats for kids (St. Paul's)

- * Sunday, June 22, 11 a.m. - Sunday Service with "The Joyful Noisemakers", lunch follows (Minden United)

- * Sunday, Aug. 3, 10:30 a.m. - Seventh Anniversary Service and Celebration (Community Church)

- * Children's Bell and Sister Act Choirs - Call for dates and times (St. Paul's)

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Submitted by Don Ballantyne 705-286-1305

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Submitted by Dale Walker

Nearly half of Hawks qualify for Eastern Regionals

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Perennial gold medal threat Charlene Hicks led the Red Hawks with a gold in the senior triple jump at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics track and field meet Thursday at Bruce Faulds Track and Field Complex in Belleville.

Hicks struck gold with a jump of 10.73 metres, beating second place Cassy Jianopoulos of Bayside Secondary

School who jumped 10.03 metres.

The Grade 12 athlete from the Highlands has been driven all season, knowing it is her last year.

"I've been working really hard this season at every practice. This is my last year doing track and field so I wanted to make sure I could be as successful as possible. My goal from the very start was to make it as far as I could and to make it on to every meet," she wrote in an email.

She also attributes her success to a positive attitude and guest coach Al Hough, who is a former national track athlete and World Cup bobsledder.

"He was a great help and I learned so many new techniques for hurdling and jumping from him. I was very pleased with my results and I'm glad that I made it on to sprint hurdles and triple jump because those are my two favourite events. I'm happy with my fitness level at this point in the season and I think I'm ready for East Regionals and my hope is to make it to OFSAA," she wrote.

Hicks, who also finished second in the 100 metre hurdles with a time of 15.97, was a star among stars as the team finished with eight silver medals and two bronze.

Track coach Bruce Griffith appreciated his team's ability

to get into form with such a short turnaround because of the weather.

"It seems like the snow was off the track for about two weeks before we started training. This shows the level of skilled athletes in Haliburton County. There must be something in the water," he said.

The team qualified 16 athletes for the OFSAA Eastern Regionals from the 33-member team.

Notable results:

Midget Kenndal Marsden finished second in the 100 metre dash with a time of 13.61 and a fourth in the 200 metre dash with a time of 28.46.

Midget Izac Reid took second in discus with a throw of 34.93 metres. Reid narrowly missed gold when Jaydn Haight of Quinte Secondary School won with 35.44 m.

Midget Shane O'Reilly won third in javelin with a throw of 36 metres.

Midget Jamie Little was edged out of a bronze when she narrowly missed with a time of 52.07 to Leah Pedis of Cobourg with 52.01 in the women 300 metre hurdles.

Junior Ryan Hill finished second in the long jump with a distance of 5.51 metres, second in javelin with a throw of 44.29 metres and a fourth in triple jump at 11.50 metres. Junior Joel Fedeski earned second place with a shotput throw of 13.91 metres and a third in discus with 40.69 metres. Senior Cody Bain threw 35.18 metres for second place, finishing behind Mitchell Jackson of Cobourg who threw 36.12 metres for first. Senior Chris Hall won second with a long-jump measuring 5.49 metres.

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Before starting the column Bruce and I wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Paul and Marie South of Home Hardware in Coboconk. Bruce had spoken Sunday afternoon at the Shedd Historical Society's annual general meeting on the history of the Fleury Agricultural Works - Aurora, Ontario's founding industry.

Afterwards we found ourselves stranded in the restaurant parking lot with a very flat tire and Paul volunteered his help. With his patience, skill and industrial air compressor he had us roadworthy again. Truly this was the rural good neighbour policy in effect.

Here at the old farmhouse at last there is a mauve blush crowning the ancient lilac grove framing the dooryard. Soon the bud clusters will open fully albeit smaller and more short lived than in younger years but still that heavenly scent will greet the early riser.

American poet and essayist Walt Whitman (1819-1892) with his gifted palette of words draws on that imagery in his tribute poem *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd* lamenting both the nation's and his deep sense of personal loss on the death of President Abraham Lincoln.

"In the dooryard fronting an old farm-house near the white palings
Stands the lilac-bush tall growing with heart-shaped leaves of rich green,

With many a pointed blossom rising delicate, with the perfume strong I love"

While so much time and back breaking labour was spent by early settlers clearing their land by choice they planted lilacs to soften the harsh landscape and bring to it a touch of home. Next time when driving along a back country road look and a stand of wild lilacs may beckon leading the curious to the remnants of an old house.

If you missed this month's free adult computer workshop at the Kinmount Public Library there will be another in June. Space is limited however so give Mary Ann a call at 705-488-3199 for more details.

With the arrival of this beautiful warm weather plans for children's summer activities come to mind. Kinmount United Church will again sponsor its "Cosmic Camp" from Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18.

This half day program is held outdoors in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. To register children please contact Rosemary at 705-488-2129. The church is also looking for student counsellors, adult helping hands, craft supplies and any financial donations to offset expenses and sponsorships. This is a beautiful natural setting for a fun-filled learning experience at a very reasonable cost.

Did you know that the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace

has both a website and a Facebook page which can be accessed directly or through www.kinmount.ca. The winner of the Victoria Day Gft Certificate for its Facebook page browsers was Fred Prine from the Hamilton area.

At this time the marketplace, located on the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre, is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. then will begin its summer schedule of daily openings on Friday, June 20th. The Summer draw with a free entry with any purchase is already underway.

With Father's Day approaching on Sunday, June 15 why not drop by and check out gift items including some childhood reminders to be found in the collectibles. Pam Wilcox, formerly owner of the Millworks in Coboconk, is the volunteer duty member on Father's Day and very knowledgeable about many of these items. There will also be a Father's Day draw to enter.

The Kinmount Farmers' Market continues every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Austin Sawmill ParK and while there be sure to visit the restored Sawmill, the Icelandic sculpture and the Model Railway and Museum located in the historic Railway Station.

Take along a picnic lunch or purchase food items from several choices along Main Street and enjoy the Park setting below the Dam along by the Burnt River. please note that there is parking and accessible washroom facilities in the Station yards area.

Until next week....

by Patti Fleury

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County card scores



May 20 contract bridge at Club 35/Stanhope Banquet: From our bridge reporter Margo Davidson comes this message. There were 61 in attendance fro bridge followed by a delicious buffet at the Peppermill Restaurant. Top scores went to Frank Schlotter 7,510, Vange Croucher 6,980, Muriel McIntosh 6,240 and tied for fourth place Nancy Jackson and Norm Smith at 6,190. Prizes were also awarded for annual play and lovely plants were given to those who had a bad day at cards. We all would like to thank Rob Eaton, Ross Fletcher and Linda Cherry for a great day and for all they do for us during the year. Thanks also goes to Greg Turner and his wonderful staff at the Peppermill.

May 20 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that the high scoring trio members were Bob Penfold 4,580, Jan Heaven 4,290 and Ewa Markowski 4,150. There was one Small Slam over the morning by Jan Heaven and Carole Anne Schell.

May 20 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Phyllis Windsor 309, Eileen Shapiera 289, Vi Howell 260 and Marcy Morgan 255. First for the gents at 312 was Tom Grixt followed by Sharon Jarvis 310, Ron Morrison 270 and Kevin Maloney 259. Bob Pollard won the major draw while Vi Howell, Ron Morrison and Theresa Deak claimed the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that Phyllis Windsor and Jesse Barlow took the moonshots.

May 20 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first place were Joyce Broersma and Kaye Bull 332 then Connie Sawyer and Ray Lymer 317. At 305 Jean Randell and Merv Elstone claimed third spot while Beverly Kerr and Eleanor Lymer had the afternoon's low of 203. This was the final session of the indoor shuffleboard season and the winner of the trophy for the highest overall total score was Connie Sawyer 7,308 who also won last year. My thanks goes to convenor Pearl Cowen not only for her faithful weekly reporting but for trying to avoid calling in the scores during "The Young & the Restless".

May 21 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South leaders were Jan and Dave Heaven 62 percent, Nancy Jackson and Sandy McKay 59 percent and Ross Davies partnered with Muriel McIntosh 53 percent. Over in East/West top marks went to Vange Croucher and Margo Davidson 61 percent, Gord Cochrane and Peter O'Connor 58 percent and Rob Eaton partnered with Kathie Porter 50 percent.

May 21 bid euchre at Stanhope: Top marks for the whites went to Pat Scadden 386 then John Donnewald 246 and Peter Farr 228. Marion Farr led the pinks at 229 with Wendy next at 217 and Pat Marshall a close third at 216 while moonshots landed on Jean Dutka [2] and our reporter Linda Lambert.

May 21 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: The winners were Pearl Cowen 383, Hugh Fountain 381 and Howard Smith 356. This news comes from Rose Isaacson.

May 22 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were our reporter Bev Johnson 341, Jean Scadden 235, Vi Howell 215 and Theresa Deak 206. At 272 Albert Foster was first for the gents followed by Jesse Barlow 245, Kevin Maloney 219 and Pat Scadden 197. Pat also held the hidden score, Albert Foster won for call 1 and took a moonshot along with Pat Roussel, Kevin Maloney, Archie Ross, Howard Smith and Ron Morrison.

May 22 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to our reporter May Bradbury and Doug McIntosh with Theresa and

John Deak posting the high scores. The evening's lows were posted by Bev Johnson and Jesse Barlow while Pearl Cowen, Andy Broersma, Elaine Smith, Bev Johnson and Theresa Deak took home the other prizes.

May 23 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Jean Randell, for low hands Doreen Francis and for both lone hands and the special prize Albert Foster. Shirley Howe reminds that next Friday, May 30th will be the last euchre at the Court until after the summer recess.

May 23 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Noth/South honours went to Tom and Margo Davidson 58 percent, Ev Morgan and Elaine Burbidge 55 percent and Fran and Norm Smith 51 percent. Rob Eaton and Peter O'Connor led in East/West at 73 percent then Dorothy Kinsman partnered with Art Steed 52 percent and Tom and Dorothy Howat 51 percent.

May 23 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Dutka reports that at 226 Marion Farr led the pinks then Sharon Warden 224 and Mary Pearson 192. First for the whites was Dave Lamb 261 followed by Colin Miller 240 and Peter Farr 203. Pat Marshall held the hidden score while Al McMullen took the single moonshot.

May 24 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Vi Howell 222, Jean Scadden 216, Maria Tschida 211 and Jean Randell 206. First for the gents at 280 was Dorothy McElwain then Marcel Roussel 255, Karin Harrison 253 and Howard Smith 204. Albert Foster also reports that Howard won the special prize and Jean Scadden took the single moonshot.

May 26 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were our reporter Betty Sharpe and Barbara Braithwaite with Margaret Fletcher and Lorna Hicks posting the high scores. The low score of the afternoon went to Kay Godden while Marion Stickwood won the draw.

May 26 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: From Rose Isaacson comes the news that the top three players were Ida Young 289, Ron Morrison 288 and Rae Dawn Sheppard 256. Pauline Franzen was the draw winner with Jim Corbett and Hazel Benetin claiming the moonshots.

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May 26 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Jean Randell, for lone hands Nick Boekestyn, for low hands Joan Meadows and for the special prize Bev Johnson. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this update.

May 26 euchre at Club 35: Dorene Elstone reports that Marcel Lamont held the most lone hands with Pearl Kernohan and Dave Lamb posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Susan Lamont and Joan Mann while Pearl Kernohan also claimed the baloney.

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The weather is great, and the umbrellas are up on the Legion patio. Several hanging baskets brighten the corners of the patio, thanks to our community partners. We are very grateful and pleased with the donation of flowers from Carey's Flowers and Home Hardware. Volunteers have been cleaning the parking lot from under the layer of winter grime and as I write this article, others are hard at work preparing for the weekly Rotary dinner meeting. We are proud that we have been chosen to host about 20 Rotarians every Monday evening. Thursday, June 19 the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual general meeting following a hot breakfast at the Legion. If your organization would also like to hold its meetings at the Legion, please call us to discuss the options available to you.

Last Sunday, the branch was a very busy scene once again. In the main clubroom, sports fans were watching the Jays game against the Oakland As, or the Indy 500 on a second TV. In the Sports Room, Ontario Seniors' Games had 48 people playing euchre in a local preliminary round.

"It's one of the biggest events of the summer games," said organizer Doug McIntosh, "The 8 top teams will advance to area finals in Gravenhurst." The next step would be all-Ontario, competing against 1,200 other seniors in Windsor-Amherstburg. For more information visit [www.ontarioseniorgames.ca](http://ontarioseniorgames.ca).

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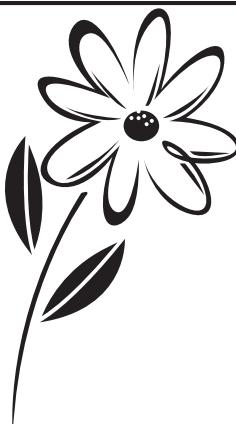
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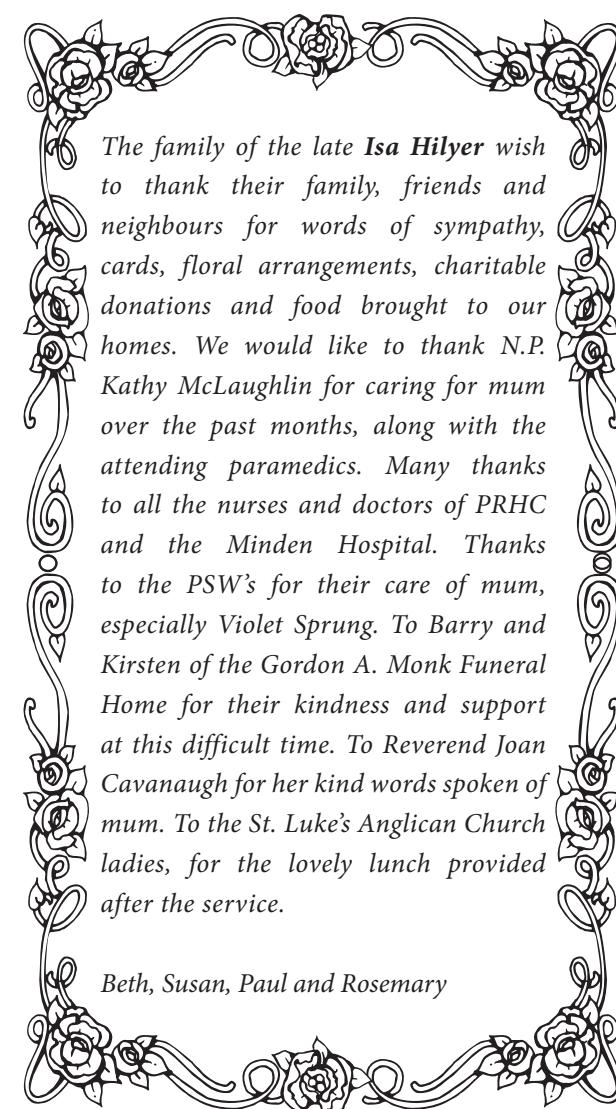
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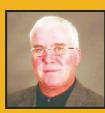
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 - Dbl garage with huge loft above
 - Boathouse/Bunkie at water's edge
- Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23



Kushog Lake \$439,900

- 1400 s.f. 3 bdrm cottage, .7A lot
 - Granite Crown, full width dining area
 - Charming deck, full width dining area
 - Built-in cabana and good privacy
- Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



Halibiem - BY THE LAKE! \$69,900

- Prestigious neighborhood
 - Boat launch 5 lake chain
 - Close to all amenities
 - Walk to town!!!
- Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



1122 Ft Ft Kennisis (Paddy's Bay) \$479,000

- 1122 ft FT, 24 acres, level treed
 - Naturalist dream property, sandy beach,
 - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, laundry, cathedral, Lg LR
 - Full basement, W/O & unfinished, private
- Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932



Little Kennisis Lake - \$799,000

- 505 Ft Waterfront, 1.79 Acres
 - 2900 Sq Ft Bldg, cathedral ceilings
 - Gorgeous south/southwest exposure
 - Two - 2 bdrm cabins for guests
- Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



Point Lot on Clear Lake \$149,000

- 115' Sand & Deep Water Frontage
 - Just under one acre, good privacy
 - Perfect building site with multi views
 - Crystal Clean "Clear" Lake, BEAUTIFUL
- Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



Maple Lake \$298,000

- 108' ftg; west facing, b cottage
 - Shallow water, sandy beach
 - Boat launch at water's edge; Bunkie
 - 3 lake chain miles of boating
- Lee Gauthier 489-9968



Minden In-Town Home \$154,900

- 2 BR home with single att'd garage
 - Walk to downtown Minden
 - Big back yard; nice neighbourhood
 - Good opportunity for 1st time buyer
- Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



Haliburton Lakefront Classic! \$849,000

- Charming 3200 sq ft home; 3BR; 2 bath
 - 170' ftg on Grass Lake; 5 lake chain
 - Beautifully landscaped; Western exposure
 - Several living areas; great for entertaining
- Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



Wenona Lake Access \$147,500

- 4-Season cottage overlooking Wenona Lake
 - Deeded lake access just steps away
 - Full septic, drilled well
 - New metal roof and wood stove
- Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Horseshoe Lake! \$599,000

- 3 BR; 1500 Sq. ft.; stone FP; west exp.
 - 1.64 Acres; 2 sep. deeded 100' lots;
 - Boat house; clean shore; deep off dock
 - Turk-key! Great family cottage experience!
- Valerie Kulla 286-2138



Bobcaygeon Road Minden \$249,000

- 3 bedroom bungalow/ 2 bath
 - Energy efficient and easy to heat
 - 4 years old, open concept & cathedrals
 - Large yard in a park like setting
- Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Head Lake, Norland \$239,000

- 43 acre vacant parcel
 - 200 feet waterfront
 - South West exposure
 - Hardwood bush
- David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Cottage Life! Less Taxes! \$399,000

- Year round with deeded access to South Lake
 - Renovated; 3 BR; 3 Bath Home/Cottage
 - Full bsmt; loft; garage; insulated bunkie
 - Close to Minden. 2 hrs from GTA
- Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Drag Lake 339,000

- Beautiful, level lot on Drag Lake
 - Hard packed sand and rock shoreline
 - Private lot with big lake view
 - Use original cottage or build dream home/cottage
- Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Starter or Retirement Home \$155,000

- 4 season cottage; access to Halls Lk
 - 3 bedrooms large living room
 - Open concept interior
 - Sunroom with lake view
- Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



Pine Lake \$269,900

- 100' sandy frontage, flat level lot, gar, shed
 - 2+ bdrm, sunroom, deck, main fl laundry
 - Mins. to shopping, Sir Sam's, full block bsmt
 - 3 lake chain, great fishing, swimming
- Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



Excellent Opportunity on Halls Lake \$285,000

- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
 - Excellent swimming, fishing & boating
 - Original 1940's cabin
 - Plus full bunkie with kitchen & bathroom
- Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



Big Barnum Lake \$649,000

- Viceroy style cottage w/250' ftg & west exp
 - Open concept, pine vaulted ceilings, stone FP
 - Master ensuite, walk-in closet & w/o to deck
 - 480 sq ft Bunkie, great privacy, no motor lake
- Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



West Lake Building Lots

- 356 ft frontage at \$239,900.
 - 253 ft frontage at \$244,500
 - Township road, driveways installed
 - Great building sites, awesome lots
- Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Drag Lake \$300,000

- Spectacular waterfront property on prime lake
 - True Algonquin setting – magnificent views
 - Rustic cottage at water's edge – Sunshine galore!
 - New driveway installed – great boating & swimming
- Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



South Lake \$129,000

- Completely Renovated Cottage
 - With a Beautiful Deck Overlooking the Lake
 - Co-Operative Ownership of...
 - 321' frontage and 17 Acres
- Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



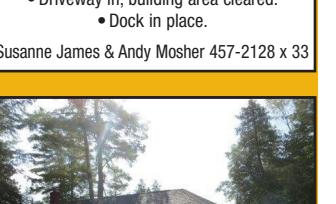
Hunter Creek Rd Privacy \$179,000

- 2 bedrooms plus 2 baths
 - Walkout basement to large yard
 - 1.9 acres of privacy
 - School bus by the front door
- Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Haliburton Village \$324,900

- Meticulous 3+ bedroom, 2 bath home
 - Over 2000 square feet finished
 - Spacious home in desirable neighbourhood
 - Short walk to Haliburton village
- Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



- Nice level lot with great privacy
 - 150' shoreline, 1.5 acres
 - Driveway in, building area cleared.
 - Dock in place.
- Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



South Lake \$229,900

- Affordable waterfront close to Minden
 - 2 bedrooms plus bunkie
 - Good swimming and boating
 - Well maintained on level lot
- Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



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Outstanding Pine Lake Property \$579,999

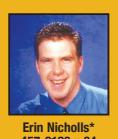
- 395' of deep water & sand shoreline
 - Very level lot with huge majestic trees
 - Completely redone main cottage
 - Oversized 2 car garage with upper Bunkie
- Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



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